

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.00pm at Fremington Parish Hall,  
Higher Road, Fremington**

**Present:** Cllrs Mrs S Kingdom (Chairman), J Bell, F Biederman, D Brailey, R Cann, Mrs J Dyson, K Groves (from Minute No.1601/07), Mrs C McCormack-Hole, Ms M Scott and T Wood  
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk and Mrs E Badcock, Services Officer

**In Attendance:** 3 Members of the public and press

1601/01 **Apologies**  
Cllrs Mrs J Flynn, A Rennles and D Chalmers.

1601/02 **Declarations of Interest**  
None.

1601/03 **Chairman's Announcements**  
The Chairman announced that following an invitation from the North Devon Council the Vice-Chairman, Clerk and herself attended the Fremington Coastal Community Team Stakeholder event in December 2015. The aim of the event was to identify and develop projects that celebrate Fremington, and in particular, Fremington Quay's heritage and history, to make the most of its natural assets and improve and increase the local environment and economy. The projects identified will be collated into a report by North Devon Plus which will form the basis of the economic plan to meet the funding requirements. Once produced the group can begin to look at how those projects might be delivered.

The Chairman reminded members that the Parish Council has been asked for any information it may have in relation to an application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use/operation in breach of planning at Old Teddy House, Bickleton Farm, Bickleton, Barnstaple. If anyone has any information please do let the Clerk know.

1601/04 **To agree the agenda between Part A and Part B (Confidential)**  
It was **resolved** to agree the agenda between Part A and Part B (Confidential).

**PART A**

1601/05 **To receive a report from the Police**  
The District Crime Report, which is attached to these minutes as Appendix One, was circulated prior to the meeting. It was **resolved** to note the report.

1601/06 **Public Participation Period**  
A member of the public again raised concerns relating to the possibility of asbestos on the former Army Camp Development. Accusations were made that Environmental Health are not telling the truth, the situation is worse than stated and workers are refusing to work on site due to the asbestos. Members of the public stated that there is a pile of soil on site which is contaminated and has been there for quite some time. A member of the public was aware that a contractor had removed contaminated soil from site which was dealt with correctly but they are unsure where it went. Members of the public also asked if the site had been investigated for contamination prior to development.

Cllr Biederman explained again to members of the public that the District Council requires evidence to investigate any further. The Council is happy that any asbestos that is found on site is being dealt with correctly.

Cllr Cann again urged members of the public to submit any evidence to the District Council, the Council has been unable to substantiate any claims so far and he will talk to the Environmental Officer in the morning.

Cllr Groves entered the meeting.

- 1601/07      **To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 as a correct record**  
Copies were circulated with the agenda.  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 as a correct record. Cllr Mrs Kingdom duly signed the minutes.
- 1601/08      **To receive, and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following Committee meetings**
- Minutes of the Footpaths Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015  
It was **resolved** to receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Footpaths Committee held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015.
  - Minutes of Tews Lane Committee Meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015  
It was **resolved** to receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Tews Lane Committee held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
- 1601/09      **Highway issues – update**  
Cllr Cann reported that he had received further concerns relating to North Lane. DCC was delaying repairs due to road works, however, the road is now unacceptable. Cllr Biederman confirmed that he would be happy to investigate the situation and take the item forward with DCC.
- Cllr Cann noted that DCC had been undertaking gully clearing earlier in the day but felt this was a bit after the event and short-sighted.
- 1601/10      **Matters to Note** (all held in the office unless specified as enclosed)
- NDC Certificate of Lawful Proposed Development – 60227 at Old Pottery House, Combrew Lane, Bickington, Barnstaple
  - Email from HM Lord-Lieutenant of Devon re The Patrons Lunch, The Mall, June 2016 (Copy attached for Cllrs only)
  - Letter of thanks for grant from Torridge, North, Mid & West Devon CAB
- It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the information.
- 1601/11      **County and District Councillors' Reports** - To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillors for information only.  
Cllr Brailey wished everyone a Happy New Year on behalf of NDC and reported that the District Council has been working hard on the devolution debate and has formulated a tripartite group with Torridge and Exmoor National Park to establish a common link for the areas around growth, health and wellbeing, housing and skills. Cllr Brailey reported that NDC's settlement from Central Government this year shows a reduction of £750,000 which amounts to a 15% cut of NDC's budget and there will be some difficult decisions to make in the weeks ahead. There is a large water mass at Anchor Bank which is due to the heavy rainfall and this will be dealt with when the proper drainage is installed. As many people are aware the Oliver buildings on the site are listed, however, the developer does not believe they are worth retaining. When the developer purchased the site the buildings were not listed and a premium was paid, the buildings are now listed and the developer does not have the funds to refurbish. The District Council has received a letter from Barnstaple Town Council asking that the buildings are secured.

1601/12 **To consider whether or not the Parish Council wishes to adopt the open space on the former Army Camp Development**

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to defer this item until the Clerk has been able to discuss terms with the District Council.

1601/13 **To consider request for additions to burial plot at Fremington Cemetery**

The request was considered for burial plot 486 and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to allow the addition of an astro-grass surround and Cornish Stone slate chippings.

1601/14 **To receive correspondence relating to damage at the Fremington Cemetery**

Members considered the correspondence and the damage that had been caused. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to investigate options for prohibiting vehicles from driving along the path in the Cemetery, obtain quotations to repair the entrance to the Cemetery and submit to the Burial Authority meeting for consideration.

1601/15 **To consider, amend or agree the draft budgets for the Financial Year 2016/2017** (information enclosed for Cllrs)

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the budgets for the financial year 2016-2017.

1601/16 **To receive further information and consider a financial contribution towards the short-term funding of the North Devon Records Office**

Members considered a financial contribution for the short-term funding. It was noted that the £10,000 shortfall had already been met by Barnstaple Town Council which was now looking to claim some of the money back by grants from Town and Parish Councils. As this funding has already been met it was **resolved**, with one abstention, not to make a financial contribution towards the short-term funding.

1601/17 **To receive further information and consider future financial support towards the funding of the North Devon Records Office**

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to defer this item until other options have been examined.

1601/18 **North Devon Council – Planning Applications**

North Devon Council, the determining Authority, has asked for comments from this Parish Council on the following planning applications:

*It was formally noted that participation of the Councillors who are also members of NDC in both the debate and subsequent vote (in respect of any of the above, were preliminary taking account of the information matters) was on the basis that the views expressed made available at the time to the Parish Council. The District Councillors were reserving their final views on the applications until they were in full possession of all the relevant arguments for and against*

60234 Proposal: Erection of 61 dwellings, associated highway & landscape works together with provision of community open space & associated infrastructure

Location: Land off Mead Park, Bickington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Wainhomes (South West) Holdings

The Parish Council is regretful that the development has been given approval, any development should have a minimal impact on Mead Park. The Parish Council has concerns with regards to the visual intrusion on the skyline and estuary and would like reassurance that the proposed will not increase the potential flood risk of the Muddle Brook.

60252 Proposal: Conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation for dependant relative  
Location: 23 Bramble Walk, Roundswell, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Miss J Wilkes

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the adjoining properties, an appropriate design and the proposed remaining as an integral part of the building and not a separate dwelling.

60291 Proposal: Reserved matters application for erection of 264 dwellings (outline planning permission 53881)  
Location: Land at Tews Lane, Bickington, Barnstaple  
Application/Agent: Linden Homes South West

The integrity of the land should be retained. The Parish Council does not wish to see a school on this site, land should be reserved between Tews Lane and Sheiling Road for an extension to the cycle/footpath network. The proposed enhancement to the Cedars roundabout should take place before any development on this site commences and the Parish Council would request that the Planning Officers ensure there is a significant contribution made to the completion of the pavilion at the Queen Elizabeth II Sports Field, Tews Lane.

60313 Proposal: Extension to double garage to form separate annexe ancillary to existing dwelling  
Location: The Retreat, Bickington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr N Ryan

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL. The proposed would create a separate unit of accommodation and would be out of keeping and an inappropriate use of the site.

60336 Proposal: Extension to dwelling & erection of conservatory  
Location: 22 Westaway, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs L Baker

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the amenity of adjoining properties and an appropriate design.

60362 Proposal: First floor extension to dwelling  
Location: 1 Rowan Park, Roundswell, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs A Murch

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the amenity of adjoining properties and an appropriate design.

60366 Proposal: Erection of porch  
Location: 18 Oakland Avenue, Sticklepath, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr A Wilkins

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the amenity of adjoining properties and an appropriate design.

60370 Proposal: Erection of up to 7154 sq m of A1 retail floorspace & up to 1116 sq m of A3 restaurant/café floorspace together with access parking, landscaping & associated works (Anchorwood Bank Phase II)  
Location: Leaderflush & Shapland Ltd, Taw Wharf, Sticklepath, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: RPS Group

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL the Parish Council is concerned at the additional traffic and the impact this will have on an inadequate highway, improvements to cycle access to the town centre are also required.

60407 Proposal: Erection of one dwelling at garden  
Location: 11 Swallow Field, Roundswell, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mrs E Pullen

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL. The proposed development would create a visual intrusion and visibility obstruction for the highway it would also have an adverse impact on the design of the estate and would be over intensification of the site.

60464 Proposal: Siting of double skinned oil tanks  
Location: Certas Energy Ltd, Yelland, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Certas Energy UK Ltd

If planning approval is given to this application it should form part of a comprehensive plan to tidy up the appearance of the site.

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### **North Devon Council – Planning Decisions**

North Devon Council, the determining Authority, has APPROVED the following application with conditions as filed:

60027 Proposal: Application for a non-material amendment to planning permission 58335 in respect of changes to finished floor levels  
Location: Land at Allenstyle Road, Yelland, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Guy Greenfield Architects

60117 Proposal: Approval of details in respect of discharge of Conditions 4 (hard & soft landscape provision) & 5 (landscape & ecological management) attached to planning permission 58715  
Location: Collacott Farm, Newton Tracey, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Temporis Wind Ltd

60151 Proposal: Erection of dependant relatives annexe  
Location: 36 Juniper Court, Roundswell, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mrs N Busby

60204 Proposal: Extension & alterations to dwelling  
Location: 5 Allenstyle View, Yelland, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Tim Stapleton Architectural Services

60276 Proposal: Application for a non-material amendment to planning permission 57519 in respect of minor changes to the architectural treatment within the character area of 2 & 4 of the above consent  
Location: Former Fremington Army Camp, Church Hill, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Ms R Burrows

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the information.

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**Councillors Questions**

Cllr Mrs Kingdom thanked Cllr Biederman for organising community pay back through DCC to undertake small jobs throughout the parish.

1601/21

**Close**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.55pm

Signed ..... Dated .....